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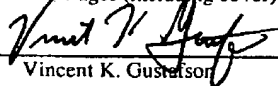
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This responds to the December 1, 2006 Office Action in the above-referenced application.

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Please amend the claims of the above-identified patent application as set out in **Section I (Amendments to the Claims)** hereof.

Remarks concerning the amendments of the claims and the substance of the December 1, 2006 Office Action are set out in **Section II (Remarks)** hereof.